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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT KHAMA'S INDEPENDENCE MESSAGES TO
PRESIDENT MACHEL

1. BOTSWANA'S PRESIDENT SIR SERETSE KHAMA, HAS SENT THE
FOLLOWING TWO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES TO SAMORA MACHEL.
THE FIRST, IN A LETTER DATED JUNE 20, 1975, IS AS FOLLOWS
QUOTE DEAR BROTHER AND COMRADE, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT
AND THE PEOPLE OF BOTSWANA I WISH TO CONGRATULATE YOU AND
THE VALIANT PEOPLE OF MOZAMBIQUE ON THIS HISTORIC OCCASION
WHICH MARKS THE TRIUMPH OF YOUR PROTRACTED STRUGGLE FOR
FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE. I AM CONVINCED THAT AS THE NEW
MOZAMBIQUE IS BEING BORN, THE REVOLUTION WHICH YOU SET IN
MOTION MORE THAN TEN YEARS AGO WILL BE CONTINUED WITH MORE
VIGOUR AND STERN DETERMINATION SO THAT THE RESPECT, THE
DIGNITY AND INDEED THE WHOLE PERSONALITY OF MOZAMBIQUE CAN BE
RESTORED FOR ALL TIME. DEAR BROTHER AND COMRADE, THE
ATTAINMENT OF INDEPENDENCE BY YOUR GREAT COUNTRY IS YET
ANOTHER MILESTONE IN THE MARCH TOWARDS THE TOTAL ELIMINATION
OF IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM IN AFRICA. I AM SURE IT
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WILL NOT BE LONG BEFORE AFRICA ACHIEVES THE FINAL VICTORY.

"ALUTTA CONTINUA" END QUOTE.

2. THE SECOND, DATED JUNE 25, BEARS THE TITLE MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT OF MOZAMBIQUE COMRADE PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL MOISES AND READS AS FOLLOWS QUOTE I WISH TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR ASSUMPTION OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE NEWLY BORN POPULAR REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE. I AM FULLY CONFIDENT THAT THE SKILL WITH WHICH YOU PILOTED THE REVOLUTION WILL CONTINUE TO MANIFEST ITSELF AS YOU BEGIN THE ARDUOUS TASK OF RECONSTRUCTING MOZAMBIQUE FROM THE RAVAGES OF FIVE HUNDRED YEARS OF COLONIAL EXPLOITATION. MOZAMBIQUE IS INDEED FORTUNATE TO HAVE SUCH AN EMINENT REVOLUTIONARY AS ITS LEADER AND FREE AFRICA WILL BE PROUD TO DRAW FROM YOUR EXPERIENCE AS IT INTENSIFIES THE STRUGGLE TOWARDS THE TOTAL LIBERATION OF THE CONTINENT. THE PEOPLE OF BOTSWANA JOIN ME IN CONVEYING THROUGH YOU THEIR FRATERNAL GREETINGS TO THE GALLANT PEOPLE OF MOZAMBIQUE. WE ALL WISH YOU WELL. END QUOTE. THOMSEN

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